Working of Doordarshan Relay Centres in Rajasthan

†1915. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati has reviewed the programmes and if so, the target and achievement of Doordarshan and Relay Centres located in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the centres have followed the guidelines properly, if not, what action is proposed to be taken;

(c) whether the Doordarshan Relay Centres in Rajasthan along the border area of Pakistan viz. Ramgarh (Jaisalmer), Chauhtan (Badmer) have started telecasting in full swing;

(d) if so, since when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The programming and the functioning of all Doordarshan centres including Rajasthan are reviewed and monitored periodically by Prasar Bharati. Relay centres only relay the programmes of the main kendra and do not originate their own programmes. Due to non-availability of staff, 17 relay centres out of the total 80 such centres, in Rajasthan are given only partial transmission.

(c) to (e) The present status in respect of each of the transmitters is as under:

(i) Ramgarh (Jaisalmer): The transmitter is relaying transmission on full power since March, 1997.

(ii) Chauhtan (not Chuhran) (Barmer): The 10 KW high power transmitter is under implementation and is expected to be commissioned in about 2 years time. The project has been delayed mainly due to delay in completion of approach road and erection of 300 metre tower by the Implementing Agencies, However, the 1 KW interim set-up has been commissioned in March, 1997 and is relaying full time telecast since April, 1998.

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